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For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS
PROTECTED AGAINST REVERSE
ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR
FABRICATING THE SAME USING AS
APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE
TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE"

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Official Action, mailed April 21, 2003. Please amend the application as described below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.